



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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JULY 11, 2005

DRY FIELDS GET MUCH NEEDED DRINK

Rains from Thursday and Friday gave the ground a well needed soaking. This was critical for **corn**, which is currently at 26 percent tasseled. Uneven **corn** growth in many of the fields around the state due to the previous dry conditions has been helped by the recent rains. The precipitation, however, has further delayed **wheat** harvest and the subsequent double crop **soybean** planting. **Barley** harvest is now virtually complete around the state. There were **4.8 days** suitable for field work.

Fruits are in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 1 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 84 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Peaches** were rated 7 percent fair, 89 percent good, and 4 percent excellent.

Pastures are in generally good condition with 1 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 73 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are 16 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 17 percent excellent.

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 10, 2005 (PERCENT)

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average 2000-2004 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Harvesting Progress: | | | | |
| Barley | 98 | 97 | 100 | 97 |
| Cantaloups | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| Cucumbers | 15 | 11 | 12 | 16 |
| Snap Beans | 10 | 5 | 33 | 24 |
| Sweet Corn | 7 | 3 | 9 | 11 |
| Watermelon | 5 | 3 | 12 | 6 |
| Wheat | 40 | 30 | 99 | 80 |
| Crop Progress: | | | | |
| Corn Silked | 26 | 15 | 89 | 40 |
| Soybeans Emerged | 88 | 81 | 100 | 94 |
| Hay Harvested: | | | | |
| Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting | 77 | 74 | 80 | 75 |
| Other Hay 2 nd Cuttting | 50 | 40 | 74 | 64 |

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 10, 2005 (PERCENT)

| Condition | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Topsoil Moisture | - | 13 | 80 | 7 |
| Topsoil (2004) | 14 | 57 | 29 | - |
| Five Year Average | 13 | 25 | 54 | 8 |
| Subsoil Moisture | 1 | 19 | 80 | - |
| Subsoil (2004) | 11 | 45 | 44 | - |
| Five Year Average | 12 | 22 | 60 | 6 |

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| | Precipitation | | | Temperatures | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|-----|---------|-----------------------------|
| Weather Station | Total this week | Total Since Jan 1 | Departure from Normal Since Jan 1 | High | Low | Average | Departure from Normal |
| Maryland | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore/Washington Airport | 2.69 | 23.44 | 2.22 | 86 | 62 | 75 | -3 |
| Easton | 1.42 | 26.34 | 3.20 | 88 | 65 | 76 | -3 |
| Frederick | 4.58 | 22.42 | 1.29 | 87 | 63 | 75 | 3 |
| Frostburg | 2.27 | 23.09 | -2.18 | 82 | 55 | 68 | 2 |
| Hagerstown | 1.55 | 15.21 | -5.22 | 87 | 62 | 75 | 0 |
| Mechanicsville | 1.96 | 24.28 | 0.50 | 85 | 62 | 74 | -3 |
| Patuxent River | 3.19 | 22.89 | 1.43 | 86 | 66 | 77 | 3 |
| Ocean City | 5.07 | 29.41 | 6.36 | 86 | 62 | 74 | -2 |
| Salisbury | 5.61 | 31.28 | 8.27 | 86 | 60 | 73 | -4 |
| Sharpsburg | 3.03 | 19.00 | -2.13 | 88 | 58 | 74 | 2 |
| Washington, DC (Reagan National) | 2.71 | 24.11 | 4.57 | 91 | 67 | 78 | -2 |
| Delaware | | | | | | | |
| Dover | 2.40 | 27.61 | 4.86 | 86 | 63 | 73 | -4 |
| Georgetown | 2.60 | 24.69 | 2.33 | 86 | 60 | 74 | -3 |
| Wilmington | 2.68 | 22.14 | 0.63 | 85 | 60 | 73 | -4 |

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.